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Opportunities &
Outcomes for
Communities –
**Strong Cities,
Strong
Communities (SC2)**
Rockford, IL

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SC2 Rockford Accomplishments & Initiatives

- **Public Safety**
- **Business Development & Expansion**
- **Community & Economic Development**
- **Education & Workforce Training**
- **Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization**



SC2 Rockford – Public Safety

Accomplishments

- ✓ Diagnostic Center Report – Implementation – Assessment (DOJ; ATF)
- ✓ Chemical Management & Training - Rockford School District (EPA & RSD)



SC2 Rockford – Business Development & Expansion

Accomplishments

- ✓ EDA Public Works Investment of \$2.5M in Jet Maintenance Facility

Initiatives

- Institutional Laundry Business - Rockford Housing Authority



SC2 Rockford – Community & Economic Development

Accomplishments

- ✓ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – \$65K EDA Investment - EDDNI
- ✓ EPA Technical Assistance – UW Health Sports Factory
- ✓ HUD Technical Assistance - Expansion of Section 108 Loan Program
- ✓ Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Lenders Forum – Highlighted: Landbank Options, Rockford Promise, Hanover Park workforce development model



SC2 Rockford – Community & Economic Development

Initiatives

- Amerock/Ziock Building conversion to Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center
- Colman Village: mixed-use adaption of former industrial Barber-Colman campus



SC2 Rockford – Education & Workforce Training

Accomplishments

- ✓ DoED TRIO & Support Services Grant (\$220K) - Rock Valley College

Initiatives

- HUD & DoED – City & RHA ConnectHome Rockford



SC2 Rockford – Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Accomplishments

- ✓ Mayor's Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness – 1st in the Nation
- ✓ City of Rockford – Center for Community Progress \$75K TA Award; Study released September 2016
- ✓ RHA Meets HUD – DOE “Better Buildings Challenge”

Initiatives

- Regional Housing Initiative (RHI) – Collaboration of Rockford, Winnebago County & City of Freeport Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)



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